



REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL REVIEW PANEL REVIEW OF LOCAL RESIDENTIAL ON-SITE SEWAGE SYSTEM ORDINANCE

State Form 57319 (10-23)

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
1. Complete ALL portions of this form
 2. Submit complete packet to IDOH
Via email to: eph@health.in.gov
Via Mail to: Indiana Department of Health
Environmental Public Health
2 North Meridian St., 7-D
Indianapolis, IN 46204
 3. Telephone number: (317) 223-7173

County, City or Town submitting ordinance Switzerland County
Name of Person Making Request Daniel Mossburger
Title and Office EHS / Switzerland County Health Dept.
E-mail Address EHS@switzerland.in.gov Telephone Number 812-427-1190

☒ **Yes** ☐ **No** Has this proposed ordinance been adopted or readopted by local legislative officials since July 1, 2023?
If this proposed ordinance has not been adopted or readopted on or after July 1, 2023 by local legislative officials, please do not submit until this is completed.

Date of Adoption 11/12/2024
Local Legislative Office Adopting Ordinance Switzerland County Commissioners
Name and Title of Representative Jamie Peters, President
E-mail Address jim.peters@jlxxtrememachine.com Telephone Number 812-599-2381

Please provide the following with the request for TRP ordinance review:

- ☐ A statement of the reasons for any restrictions, prohibition, or variance requested.
☒ A statement of financial impact.
☒ A full digital copy of your ordinance that has been adopted by your local legislative body. Can be mailed if necessary.

Check below which areas your local ordinance has that vary from Rule 410 IAC 6-8.3 and provide a short narrative description of each. Use additional pages, if necessary. It is recommended to place all fees in a separate fee ordinance.

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| ☒ Minimum lot/parcel size | <u>See narrative descriptions on separate page</u> |
| ☒ Connection to sewer | <u>See narrative descriptions on separate page</u> |
| ☒ Reconnection to OSS | <u>See narrative descriptions on separate page</u> |
| ☒ Installer/Inspector registration | <u>See narrative descriptions on separate page</u> |
| ☐ Installer/Inspector certification | <u>See narrative descriptions on separate page</u> |
| ☐ Application requirements | <u>See narrative descriptions on separate page</u> |

☐ Residential outbuildings

☒ Enforcement

☐ Construction inspections

☒ Number of soil borings/pits

☒ Method of soil evaluation

☐ Separation distances

☒ Septic tank size

☐ Septic tank compartments

☐ Septic tank riser on inlet

☒ Holding tanks

☐ Dosing tank size

☐ Effluent pump or electrical

☐ Distribution box riser or material

☐ Soil loading rate used for sizing

☐ Minimum DDF or SAF sizing

☐ Subsurface trench systems

☐ Elevated sand mounds

☐ Observation Ports

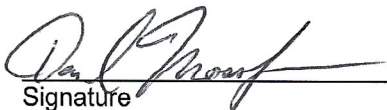
☐ Sub. drainage type/depth/size

☐ Use of technologies new to IN
(including reduced size chambers, sand lined systems, subsurface drip, etc.)

☐ Point of sale inspections

☐ Other (please explain)

I respectfully request review of this proposed ordinance by the Technical Review Panel. I understand that any portion of the proposed ordinance rejected by the Technical Review Panel will not be enforceable in the jurisdiction.


Signature

11/12/24
Date

Narrative Descriptions

Minimum lot/parcel size: Dating back to 2002, Switzerland County has required an acre and an eighth as the minimum lot size. The current county commissioners do not wish to change that.

Connection to Sewer: If an OSS is failing and the sanitary sewer is within 300 ft of the property line and the cost to connect is not more than 150% of the estimated cost of a new system, then the Switzerland County Health Department may require them to connect to the sanitary sewer.

Reconnection to OSS: An existing OSS could reconnect to a new or replacement structure as long as a registered installer or qualified inspector inspects the system and determines it's not in failure or malfunction, the system is currently permitted in Switzerland County or an installer can develop a plan showing compliance with the ordinance, and the system is sized appropriately for the new structure.

Installer/Inspector registration: Requires all OSS installers to be registered with the Switzerland County Health Department before performing any work in the county.

Enforcement: Outlines procedures for notifying individuals of ordinance violations and repercussions.

Number of soil borings/pits: Requires 3 soil boring/pits in the soil absorption field. The Switzerland County Health Department may request additional soil borings or pits to determine site suitability.

Method of soil evaluation: Soil evaluations shall be conducted by a registered soil scientist and be submitted directly to the Switzerland County Health Department.

Septic Tank Size: Any residential structure that does not contain a bedroom or bedroom equivalent shall be required to install a minimum of a 750-gallon septic tank.

Holding Tank: Sewage holding tanks are an alternative method of sewage disposal and shall be 1,000 gallons or at least 3 times the daily design flow with a capacity no greater than 10,000 gallons. Holding Tanks require construction permits to install and operating permits to provide proof of proper sewage disposal.

Switzerland County Health Department
Financial Impact Statement for Switzerland County OSS Ordinance

Date: November 11, 2024

Ordinance Requirement ¹	Ordinance Section	Types of Systems Affected ²	Increased Cost/ System ³	Comments
Installer Registration	D2	None	\$100.00	Yearly fee for installer registration
Holding Tank Installation/ 2 Year Operating Permit	E2	Holding tanks	\$200.00	New addition to the onsite rule. Valid for 2 years
Holding Tank Operating Permit	E10	Holding tanks	\$200.00	New addition to the onsite rule. Valid for 2 years.
3 soil borings/pits are required per soil absorption field	F.2.b	All new SAF to be installed	\$0.00	Soil scientists already perform 3 soil borings in the area

Overall anticipated price increase for residential OSS:

Minimum **\$0.00**- For new OSS with SAF
 \$100.00- For New Holding Tanks

Maximum **\$125.00**

¹Briefly describe ordinance requirement.

²Describe what type(s) of systems that would be affected by this requirement. If it would apply to all systems, indicate ALL OSS.

³Increased cost is per system.